

REMARKS

The Final Office Action of November 1, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. New claims 111-124 have been added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to establish a date of actual reduction to practice prior to November 29, 2000.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10 and 100-107 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki (U.S. Pub No. 2002/0161837) in view of Trueblood (U.S. Patent No. 6,031,530). Claims 11, 12, 16, 22, 25, 27-35, 36, 37 and 110 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki and Trueblood in view of Barrus (U.S. Patent No. 6,693,652). Claims 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki, Trueblood and Barrus in view of Barker. Claims 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki and Trueblood in view of Brown (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,461). Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki, Trueblood and Barrus in view of Infogate. Claims 23, 24, 108, and 109 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki, Trueblood and Barrus in view of Greenberg. Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrus, Sasaki, Trueblood, and Greenberg, in view of Snippets. Based on the concurrently filed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, Sasaki is removed as an applicable reference, and these rejections are thus respectfully traversed.

New claims 111-124 are believed to be allowable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the

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same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

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